

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 351 new fires were reported for the week. Seven large fires were reported and contained, one in the Northern California Area and six in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and California.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAST COVE 04-1	LA	SBR	1,011	100	---	3	0	0	1	0	5.5K
BLUE NORTH	OK	OKS	160	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR
SUNSET RANCH	TX	TXS	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
UNIT 8 WF	TX	MCR	2,255	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
UNIT 12 WF	TX	MCR	5,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
EASEMENT WF	TX	MCR	500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service MCR = McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry
SBR = Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAND	CA	MDF	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

MDF = Modoc National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will bring cool, dry weather to the Southeast as the storm system moves northward along the East Coast. Gusty winds are expected over Oklahoma on Friday and over Florida this weekend. The next front with rain will move across the Southeast Tuesday and Wednesday. In Southern California, a low pressure system will bring a chance of showers to the area Friday and the weekend with gusty northwest to northeast winds Monday and Tuesday. The winds switch to southwest Wednesday and Thursday as another low pressure system approaches the coast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Area Rain north of a San Luis Obispo-Fresno line. Partly cloudy elsewhere.	65-80 coastal areas. 55-70 mountains. 65-80 valleys. 55-70 upper desert. 65-80 low desert.	12-25% except 45-60% north of San Luis Obispo-Fresno line.	Southeast to southwest 15 to 25 mph north and variable 5 to 15 mph south.



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TRANSFER OF COMMAND

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transfer of command periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. There is a high potential for fatalities, serious injuries, or incidents with potential during transfer of command periods (some have occurred in the past). Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES—Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

● Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel
- Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed
- Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
- Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

● Mitigation actions to take:

- Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						290	290
Southern California	FIRES					14	1	15
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					4	5	9
	ACRES					2	1	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern Area	FIRES	2		4		306	6	318
	ACRES	75		8,766		1,989	23	10,853
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	4	1	324	18	351
	ACRES	75	0	8,766	1	1,991	315	11,148

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	307	263	25	56	1,928	1,350	3,929
	ACRES	24,278	18,249	89	1,195	50,620	265,663	360,094
Northern California	FIRES	184	73	17	21	3,165	1,263	4,723
	ACRES	255	12,639	603	6,879	82,710	38,778	141,864
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	12	76	3,080	876	4,253
	ACRES	1,656	42,055	376	1,828	286,613	325,182	657,710
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,166	71	35	86	995	1,538	3,891
	ACRES	90,652	69,435	23,356	166,679	165,603	365,891	881,616
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	863	7	46	909	1,063	2,947
	ACRES	19,424	133,688	1,244	2,733	56,372	147,388	360,849
Western Great Basin	FIRES	11	460	2	11	129	183	796
	ACRES	62	13,182	79	6	941	3,309	17,579
Southwest	FIRES	966	193	18	73	915	2,148	4,313
	ACRES	35,771	5,917	293	10,178	16,218	207,219	275,596
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	819	40	48	4,233	764	6,089
	ACRES	20,214	17,811	1,964	783	82,160	58,834	181,766
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		115	39	10,641	542	12,299
	ACRES	53,155		8,200	734	119,790	5,978	187,857
Southern Area	FIRES	167		52	16	15,416	446	16,097
	ACRES	23,643		21,451	1,839	229,584	9,619	286,136
TOTAL	FIRES	4,078	2,897	345	483	41,813	10,186	59,802
	ACRES	269,133	353,797	324,510	196,834	1,338,536	1,427,863	3,910,673

Eight Year Average Fires	80,265
Eight Year Average Acres	4,324,086

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in November

and

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	0	51				15	66
	ACRES	130	3,622				896	4,648
Northern California	FIRES		2				62	64
	ACRES		80				4,633	4,713
Southern California	FIRES	0					23	23
	ACRES	35					111	146
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					425	12	437
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0				19	19
	ACRES		15				1,478	1,493
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			20				20
Eastern Area	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				246		535	781
Southern Area	FIRES			1		2	17	20
	ACRES			310		1,000	15,632	16,942
TOTAL	FIRES	0	53	2	2	4	138	199
	ACRES	165	3,717	330	246	1,425	23,297	29,180

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	63	227	38	3		559	890
	ACRES	9,217	33,653	7,505	123		49,135	99,633
Northern California	FIRES	14	9	113	23		316	475
	ACRES	152	428	22,735	2,828		20,794	46,937
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	8	9		145	164
	ACRES	36	27	810	3,335		14,881	19,089
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	10	96	4	127	525	775
	ACRES	532	6,972	15,325	760	4,566	31,419	59,574
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	8		51	80	174
	ACRES	18	33,462	410		8,583	24,230	66,703
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			3	1	10
	ACRES		1,270			2,084	230	3,584
Southwest	FIRES	33	38	26	11	4	410	522
	ACRES	19,873	32,796	40,782	9,183	13	66,367	169,014
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	37	104	9	19	74	274
	ACRES	1,847	29,261	13,893	9,592	2,215	21,803	78,611
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		339	10	518	196	1,089
	ACRES	10,640		65,142	1,126	83,310	12,979	173,197
Southern Area	FIRES	54		297	107	16,009	1,333	17,800
	ACRES	19,404		113,051	86,721	828,577	985,789	2,033,542
TOTAL	FIRES	235	363	1,029	179	16,734	3,639	22,179
	ACRES	61,719	137,869	279,653	115,752	928,819	1,227,627	2,751,439

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			65		55	122
	ACRES	0			14,744		26,324	41,068
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		34	41
	ACRES				448		15,924	16,372
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	10	31	1	106	0	192	340
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	25,608	0	260,831	330,929

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

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AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1									
Northern California										
Southern California		7		5		1				8
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				3		1				3
Total	1	7	0	8	0	2	0	0	3	8